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Applicant: W. McKinzie

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For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
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PLATE STRUCTURES**

Art Unit: 2817

Examiner: Seungsook Ham

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- Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Response to Office Action and Request for Reconsideration. Also enclosed are:  
☒ Return Postcard  
☐ Item a  
☐ Item b
- Fee Calculation  
☒ No additional claim fee is required.  
☐ Amendment increases number of claims

### ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE CALCULATION

	Claims After Amendment Less Number Previously Paid For =	Number Extra*	Rate =	Fee
Total Claims	44 - 44 =	0	x \$ 50/25 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200/100 =	\$0.00

\* If less than zero, enter "0".

Additional Claim Fee ..... \$0.00

- ☒ Applicant is a small entity.
- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an Extension of Time of \_\_\_\_ month, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a). Fee required \$ ..... \$0.00
- ☐ Other fees due: Specify: ..... \$0.00  
Total Fees Due ..... \$0.00
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☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.  
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 50-1213, referencing Docket No. 42372-0004. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant requests entry of this response and reconsideration of the application.

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on Page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on Page 15 of this document.